

# UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT

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STRUCTURE NO. 57502  
CSAH NO. 24  
OVER THE  
RED LAKE RIVER  
DISTRICT 2 - PENNINGTON COUNTY

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PREPARED FOR THE  
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION

REPORT SUMMARY:

The substructure units inspected at Bridge 57502, Piers 1 and 2, were in good condition with no defects of structural significance observed. The channel bottom appeared to be in stable condition with no evidence of significant scour or appreciable changes since the previous inspection.

INSPECTION FINDINGS:

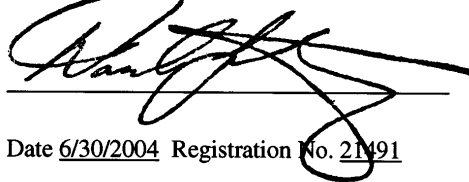
- (A) A light to moderate accumulation of timber debris was observed at the upstream end of Pier 1, extending from 3 feet below the waterline to the channel bottom, with drift having a maximum diameter of 6 inches.
- (B) A light to moderate accumulation of grass and branches was observed at the upstream end of Pier 2, extending from the waterline to the channel bottom.
- (C) An area of poorly consolidated concrete was observed at the upstream end of Pier 1 near the waterline, measuring 2 feet wide by 1 foot high with 1/4 inch of penetration.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (A) Reinspect the submerged substructure units at the normal maximum recommended (NBIS) interval of five (5) years.

I hereby certify that this plan, specification, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

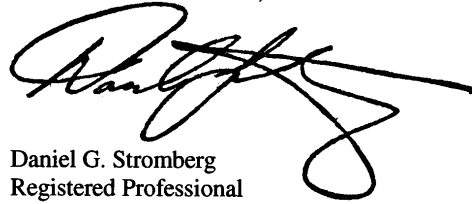
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Date 6/30/2004 Registration No. 21491

Respectfully submitted,

COLLINS ENGINEERS, INC.

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Daniel G. Stromberg  
Registered Professional  
Engineer, State of Minnesota

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1. BRIDGE DATA

Bridge Number: 57502

Feature Crossed: The Red Lake River

Feature Carried: CSAH No. 24

Location: District 2 - Pennington County

Bridge Description: The superstructure consists of three spans of multiple steel beams supporting a reinforced concrete deck. The superstructure is supported by two concrete abutments and two concrete piers, with the piers numbered 1 and 2 starting from the south end of the bridge.

2. INSPECTION DATA

Professional Engineer Diver: Daniel G. Stromberg  
State of Minnesota, P.E., No. 21491

Dive Team: Michelle D. Koerbel, Matthew J. Lengyel

Date: August 26, 2002

Weather Conditions: Cloudy,  $\pm 80^{\circ}$  F

Underwater Visibility:  $\pm 2.0$  Feet

Waterway Velocity:  $\pm 2.0$  fps

3. SUBSTRUCTURE INSPECTION DATA

Substructure Inspected: Piers 1 and 2

General Shape: The piers consist of an oblong rectangular concrete shaft with rounded noses supporting a hammerhead pier cap. Design plans with foundation information were not obtained.

Maximum Water Depth at Substructure Inspected: Approximately 7.5 feet.

4. WATERLINE DATUM

Water Level Reference: The top of the pier cap on the west side of Pier 2.

Water Surface: The waterline was approximately 7.4 feet below reference.  
Assumed Waterline Elevation = 92.6.

5. NBIS CODING INFORMATION (Minnesota specific codes are used for 92B and 113)

Item 60: Substructure: Code 7

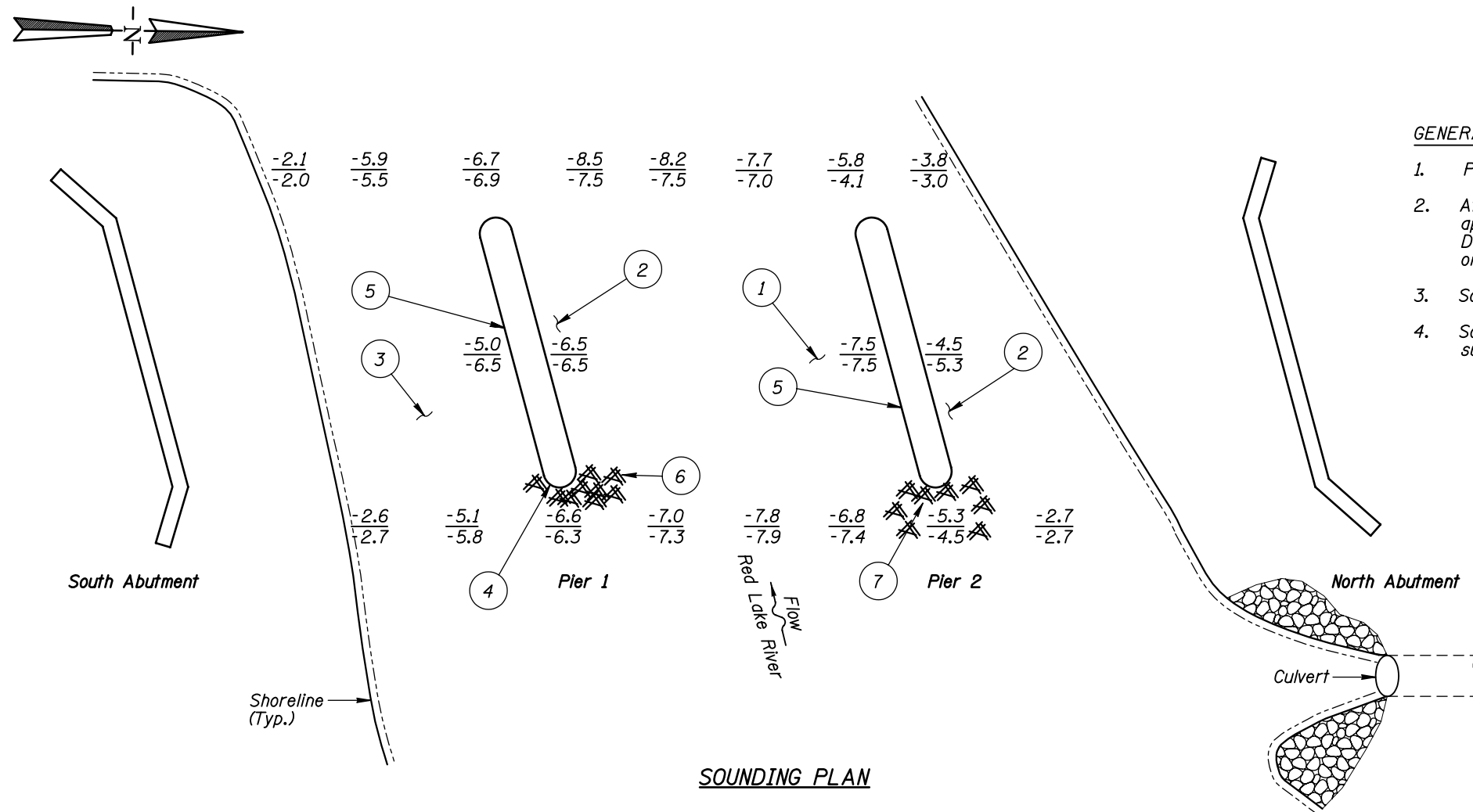
Item 61: Channel and Channel Protection: Code 7

Item 92B: Underwater Inspection: Code B/08/02

Item 113: Scour Critical Bridges: Code I/94

Bridge is scour critical because abutment or pier foundation is rated as unstable due to observed scour at bridge site.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  X  No



**GENERAL NOTES:**

1. Piers 1 and 2 were inspected underwater.
2. At the time of inspection on August 26, 2002 the waterline was located approximately 7.4 feet below the top of the pier cap on the downstream end of Pier 2. Design plans were not available, therefore a reference of 100.0 was assumed. Based on the assumed reference the waterline elevation was 92.6.
3. Soundings indicate the water depth at the time of inspection and are measured in feet.
4. Soundings were taken parallel to the bridge at 1/4 point intervals between the substructure units.

**INSPECTION NOTES:**

- 1 The channel bottom material around Pier 2 consisted of gravel and 3 to 6 inch cobbles with 4 inches of maximum probe rod penetration.
- 2 The channel bottom material around Pier 1 consisted of fine sand with 12 inches of maximum probe rod penetration.
- 3 The channel bottom material between the South Abutment and Pier 1 consisted of fine sand and scattered riprap.
- 4 Area of poorly consolidated concrete at the upstream nose of Pier 1 near the waterline, measuring 2 feet wide by 1 foot high with 1/4 inch of penetration.
- 5 The concrete was generally in good and sound condition with random popouts observed on the faces of both piers.
- 6 Light to moderate timber and organic debris with branches measuring up to 6 inches in diameter were observed from 3 feet below the waterline to the mudline and extended 4 feet out from the upstream nose of Pier 1.
- 7 Light to moderate timber and organic debris was observed from the waterline to the mudline and extended 5 feet out from the upstream nose of Pier 2.

**Legend**

- 2.0 Sounding Depth from Waterline (8/26/02)  
 -5.2 Sounding Depth from Waterline (9/7/97)
- Timber Debris
- Riprap

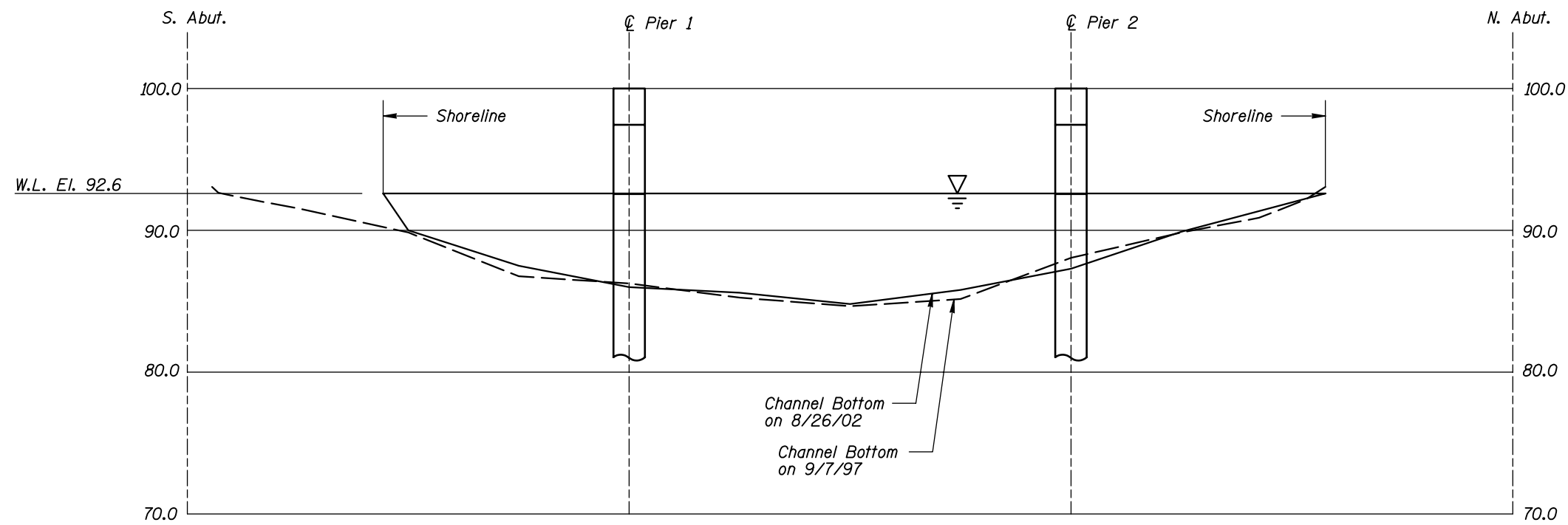
**TYPICAL END VIEW OF PIERS**

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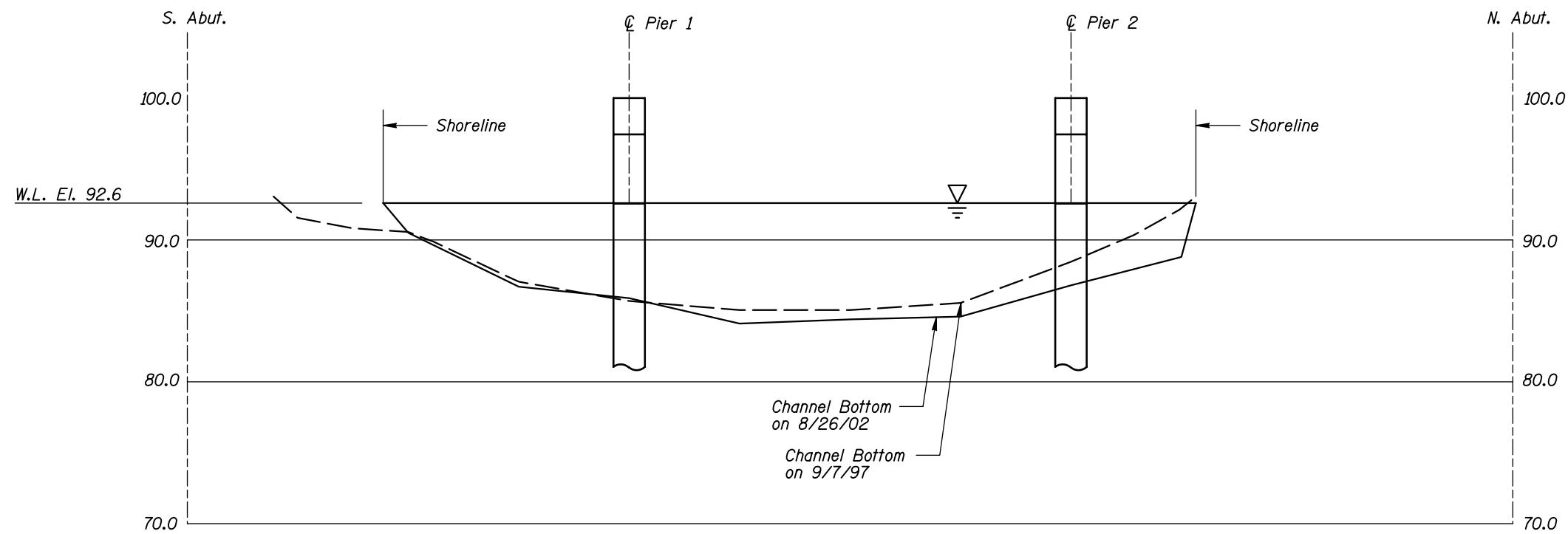
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OVER THE RED LAKE RIVER  
DISTRICT 2, PENNINGTON COUNTY

**INSPECTION AND SOUNDING PLAN**

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**UPSTREAM FASCIA PROFILE**  
Vertical Scale: 1"=10'-0"



**DOWNSTREAM FASCIA PROFILE**  
Vertical Scale: 1"=10'-0"

*Note:*  
Refer to Figure 1 for General Notes.

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**UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM  
FASCIA PROFILES**

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Photograph 1. Overall View of the Structure, Looking Northeast.



Photograph 2. View of Pier 1, Looking Northeast.





Photograph 3. View of Pier 2, Looking Northeast.



Photograph 4. View of Debris at Pier 2, Looking West.

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OFFICE OF BRIDGES AND STRUCTURES  
DAILY DIVING REPORT

INSPECTORS: Collins Engineers, Inc.

DATE: August 26, 2002

ON-SITE TEAM LEADER: Daniel G. Stromberg, P.E.

BRIDGE NO: 57502

WEATHER: Cloudy,  $\pm$  80° F

WATERWAY CROSSED: The Red Lake River

DIVING OPERATION: X

SCUBA

SURFACE SUPPLIED AIR

OTHER

PERSONNEL: Michelle D. Koerbel, Matthew J. Lengyel

EQUIPMENT: Scuba, U/W Light, Scraper, Sounding Pole, Lead Line, Probe Rod, Camera

TIME IN WATER: 3:35 P.M.

TIME OUT OF WATER: 4:10 P.M.

WATERWAY DATA: VELOCITY " 2.0 fps

VISIBILITY " 2.0 Feet

DEPTH 7.5 Feet maximum at Pier 2.

ELEMENTS INSPECTED: Pier 1 and Pier 2

REMARKS: The concrete of the piers was found to be in good condition below water with no significant defects present. Above water there were minor defects observed including random popouts and one area of poorly consolidated concrete. The channel bottom appeared stable with no evidence of scour. Light to moderate timber and organic debris was present at the upstream nose of both piers.

FURTHER ACTION NEEDED: \_\_\_\_\_ YES  X  NO

Monitor drift for increases in amount of accumulation during future inspections.

Reinspect the submerged substructure units at the normal maximum recommended (NBIS) interval of five (5) years.

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UNDERWATER INSPECTION CONDITION RATING FORM

BRIDGE NO. 57502  
INSPECTORS Collins Engineers, Inc.  
ON-SITE TEAM LEADER Daniel G. Stromberg, P.E. 21491  
WATERWAY CROSSED The Red Lake River

INSPECTION DATE August 26, 2002  
NOTE: USE ALL APPLICABLE CONDITION  
DEFINITIONS AS DEFINED IN THE MINNESOTA  
RECORDING AND CODING GUIDE INCLUDING  
GENERAL, SUBSTRUCTURE, CHANNEL AND  
PROTECTION, AND CULVERTS AND WALL  
DEFINITIONS TO COMPLETE THIS FORM.

CONDITION RATING

UNIT REFERENCE NO.	UNIT DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM DEPTH OF WATER	SUBSTRUCTURE						CHANNEL					GENERAL					
			PILING	COLUMNS, SHAFTS, OR FACES*	FOOTINGS	DISPLACEMENT	OTHER (BRACING)	OVERALL SUBSTRUCTURE CONDITION CODE*	SCOUR	EMBANKMENT EROSION	EMBANKMENT PROTECTION	OTHER (DRIFT/DEBRIS)	OVERALL CHANNEL & PROTECTION CONDITION	CONCRETE	STEEL	TIMBER	LOSS OF SECTION	PREVIOUS REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE	OTHER
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Pier 1	6.7'	N	7	N	9	N	7	8	N	N	6	7	7	N	N	8	N	N
	Pier 2	7.5'	N	7	N	9	N	7	8	N	N	6	7	7	N	N	8	N	N

\*UNDERWATER PORTION ONLY

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NOTES: ATTACH SKETCHES AS NEEDED, IDENTIFY REMARK BY REFERRING TO UNIT REFERENCE NO. AND REMARK NO.  
USE GENERAL SECTION TO IDENTIFY OVERALL PRESENCE OF SPALLS, CRACKS, CORROSION, ETC.